

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? all 3 meetings at Centerville, WI

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☒ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture, residential, recreation)
- ☒ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☒ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☐ Other: _____

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

I have not been convinced of the
actual need at this point, which I addressed
later in this form
Impacts on land, aesthetics, wildlife,
and personal health all seem huge.

Hampton • Rochester • La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project

I-092-001

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be solicited after its publication.

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

- ☐ Agriculture ☐ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

NA

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

There are so many sensitive areas, it's hard to determine what will be impacted the most. It will be a huge aesthetic problem, will impact the land, will undoubtedly be a negative issue with wildlife, and nobody seems to be able to give a definitive answer as to the health issues that may be brought on by such huge transmission.

I-092-001

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

I-092-002

I feel strongly that this project needs to be put on hold. I feel our country is finally headed in the right direction as far as conservation and environmental concerns. This new administration seems to be committed so why not hold off and see if they live up to their promises? If they do and if we the people buy into it (as it appears to be happening), there may be quite likely not even be a need for expansion.

I-092-003

Doesn't it make sense - even financial sense on your part - to take an optimistic wait and see philosophy?

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.

I-092-002

Your comment has been noted. Alternatives to the project will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I-092-003

Your comment has been noted. The Draft Environmental Impact Statement will describe, in detail, project purpose and need. The justification document which has been accepted by the RUS is the Alternative Evaluation study which is available at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>.